History of the American Diplomatic Presence in the Russian Far East - Research Project

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Project Title	History of the American Diplomatic Presence in the Russian Far East - Research Project
Project Summary	Develop a narrative and visual report on the history of America's diplomatic presence in the Russian Far East, utilizing open source and archival materials, focusing on the buildings and locations of diplomatic facilities in Vladivostok.
Country	Russia

Project Description

The project should include a detailed chronology of where the US Consulate has been located throughout Vladivostok at different times, accompanied by photographic records, architectural notes, blueprints, and any other records when available. Efforts should me made to: find blueprints for US Consulates in Vladivostok from before 1992; trace the history and significance of artifacts found in the former Consulate site at 33 Pushkinskaya Street, Vladivostok; determine exact locations for previous US consulates dating back to the time of the Russian Empire, as well as any accompanying media (photos etc.); and research the substantive history of America's presence in the region - including background information about American representatives stationed there, activities of the Consulate, size of the mission, and relations with the host government during times of political upheavals. Useful sources could include: National Archives and Records Administration - University of Maryland, College Park; Record Group 59 (general records of the Department of State); US Library of Congress; 'Letters from Vladivostok' by Eleanor Pray.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Data analysis
Research
Writing

Additional Information

This project could include up to 2 interns if one based at University of Maryland-College Park focuses on the archival records there, and if another intern focuses on the broader history of US diplomatic presence in the Russian Far East.

Language Requirements

Language	Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
Russian	No practical proficiency	Minimum professional proficiency	Required